

RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

December 12, 2016

Reminder: EPA Brownfields Grants Applications due December 22

Applications for the <u>US EPA's federal brownfields grants</u> are due December 22, 2016. These federal grants are available to states, local governments, tribes and non-profit organizations for the assessment and cleanup of brownfields.

The EPA has also prepared a document that <u>highlights changes to this year's grants program</u>.

A helpful <u>video</u> on how to prepare a successful application was recorded by DNR, EPA and Kansas State University's Technical Assistance for Brownfields Communities (TAB) program in 2014. The bookmarks along the progress bar can guide you to a particular section.

Additional resources on the application process are also available from <u>TAB</u>.

Contact Elisabeth Olson, 608-267-0543, for assistance with obtaining a DNR acknowledgement letter or visit our EPA Grants page for more information. All requests for state acknowledgment letters must be submitted by December 15th.

NR 700 Semi-Annual Reporting Due in January

Semi-annual reporting for the period of July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 is due January 31, 2017. These reports are required from consultants or responsible parties for all "open" sites, including those sites with remaining action needed, which the agency used to classify as "conditionally closed" in the BRRTS online database.

During the first week of January, an email containing a unique identification number will be sent to the consultant or responsible party for each of the open sites described above. If you do not receive an email from DNR with your unique report identification number, you can request a number after January 9th by submitting the Report ID Request Form. The Report ID number you will receive uniquely identifies the activity for which you wish to report, the reporting period, and verifies the person using the ID is authorized to submit the report. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Zeichert at (608) 266-5788.

Semi-annual reports **are not** required on state lead, non-PRP Superfund sites and sites that qualify for a local government exemption.

This semi-annual reporting requirement replaces PECFA annual web reporting. Consultants and responsible parties were previously required to inform the agency of the progress and the estimated cost of work remaining in the investigation for PECFA-eligible sites. Now, submission of the semi-annual online form satisfies PECFA's requirement to report progress. A separate PECFA web report is not required.

The next reporting period is from January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Reports for that period will be due July 30, 2017. This information is also available on the <u>RR Program website</u> under Audience-specific resources.

Consulting Firms Selected for WAM Work

The Remediation and Redevelopment Program has selected four environmental consulting firms to perform work for the agency's <u>Wisconsin Assessment Monies</u> (WAM) Program. Under the award, contractors will perform Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments or, if warranted, limited site investigations. The WAM contractors are:

- AECOM Milwaukee, Wis.
- The Sigma Group Milwaukee, Wis.
- Bay West Saint Paul, Minn.
- Ramaker & Associates Sauk City, Wis.

EPA Webinar Dec. 14: Leveraging Resources for Brownfields Revitalization

Infrastructure needs often are an essential component of brownfields redevelopment projects. As such, the <u>U.S. EPA's webinar</u> on Dec. 14, from noon to 1:30 p.m., will highlight several different federal government programs that are available to assist communities in integrating infrastructure into brownfields revitalization projects.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and EPA's Office of Water will provide an overview of their agencies' programs and offer suggestions for how to leverage brownfields redevelopment dollars to include infrastructure development. The webinar also will feature a presentation from a community that successfully used grants, loans and other support from across federal agencies to meet its brownfields revitalization needs.

The webinar is sponsored by EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization.

Upcoming ITRC Training

- Dec. 13 Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy
- Dec. 15 Geospatial Analysis for Optimization at Environmental Sites
- Jan. 5 ISM Part 1: Soil Sampling and Decision Making Using Incremental Sampling Methodology
- Jan. 12 ISM Part 2: Soil Sampling and Decision Making Using Incremental Sampling Methodology
- Jan. 24 Groundwater Statistics for Environmental Project Managers
- Jan. 26 Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management